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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The references listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 are presented pursuant to the Applicants' duty of disclosure. A copy of each of these references is enclosed. No Office Action is believed to have been issued to date, so no fee or certification is required.

United States Patent 3,878,647 (Bürgers) claims a door having lock pockets on the left and right vertical margins of the door (col. 1, line 60- col. 2, line 8). The Bürgers patent does not teach or suggest such a structure in a hollow core door.

United States Patents 2,620,521 (Fleet) issued December 9, 1952 and 2,703,443 (Lee) issued March 5, 1955 and French Patent 818.535, published September 28, 1937 all teach doors with lock blocks on both the left and right sides of the door to support the door swinging in either direction (see blocks 20 and 21 in Fleet, blocks 61 and 62 in Lee and blocks 18 in the French Patent). Again, none of these documents teaches or suggests a hollow core door. The applicant does not have a translation of the French Patent and is unaware of an equivalent in the English language.

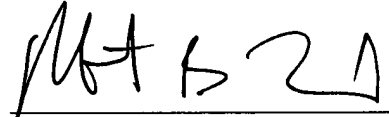
United States Patent 1,596,952 (Smith) provides another solution for a reversible door. United States Patent 3,121,263 (Binner) provides a door with a central block spanning the central portion of the door. The central block includes a bore that extends to rails of the door. A bore through the rails is made, preferably at installation of the door. Neither of these documents teaches or suggests a hollow core door.

No fee is believed to be necessary. Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

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